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**2007 -2008  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
AND  
MILWAUKEE BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL  
AFL-CIO**

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
LABOR RELATIONS  
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3 between

4 COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

5 and

6 MILWAUKEE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

7 AFL-CIO

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11 This Agreement made and entered into by and between the County of Milwaukee, a  
12 municipal body corporate, as municipal employer, hereinafter referred to as "County" and  
13 Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, as representatives of  
14 employees who are employed by the County of Milwaukee, hereinafter referred to as "Council",

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16 W I T N E S S E T H

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18 In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto do hereby  
19 mutually agree as follows:

20 PART 1

21  
22 1.01 RECOGNITION The County of Milwaukee agrees to recognize, and herewith does  
23 recognize, Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, as the exclusive  
24 collective bargaining agent on behalf of the employees of Milwaukee County in accordance with  
25 the certification of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission Case LV, No. 16954, ME-  
26 960, Decision No. 12098.

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28 1.02 EMPLOYEE DEFINED Wherever the term "employee" is used in this Agreement, it  
29 shall mean and include only those employees of Milwaukee County within the certified  
30 bargaining unit represented by the Council.  
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1 1.03 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

2 This Agreement is to take effect on January 1, 2007. Unless otherwise modified or extended by  
3 mutual agreement of the parties, this Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2008.

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5 1.04 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS The County of Milwaukee retains and reserves the sole right  
6 to manage its affairs in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, resolutions and  
7 executive orders. Included in this responsibility, but not limited thereto, is the right to determine  
8 the number, structure and location of departments and divisions; the kinds and number of  
9 services to be performed; the right to determine the number of positions and the classifications  
10 thereof to perform such service; the right to direct the work force; the right to establish  
11 qualifications for hire, to test and to hire, promote and retain employees; the right to transfer and  
12 assign employees, subject to existing practices and the terms of this Agreement; the right, subject  
13 to civil service procedures and the terms of this Agreement related thereto, to suspend, discharge,  
14 demote or take other disciplinary action and the right to release employees from duties because  
15 of lack of work or lack of funds; the right to maintain efficiency of operations by determining the  
16 method, the means and the personnel by which such operations are conducted and to take  
17 whatever actions are reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties of the various departments  
18 and divisions.

19 In addition to the foregoing, the County reserves the right to make reasonable rules and  
20 regulations relating to personnel policy procedures and practices and matters relating to working  
21 conditions, giving due regard to the obligations imposed by this Agreement. However, the  
22 County reserves total discretion with respect to the function or mission of the various  
23 departments and divisions, the budget, organization, or the technology of performing the work.  
24 These rights shall not be abridged or modified except as specifically provided for by the terms of  
25 this Agreement, nor shall they be exercised for the purpose of frustrating or modifying the terms  
26 of this Agreement. But these rights shall not be used for the purpose of discriminating against  
27 any employee or for the purpose of discrediting or weakening the Council.

28 The County is genuinely interested in maintaining maximum employment for all  
29 employees covered by this Agreement consistent with the needs of the County.

30 In planning to contract or subcontract work, the County shall give due consideration to  
31 the interest of County employees by making every effort to insure that employees with seniority  
32 will not be laid off or demoted as a result of work being performed by an outside contractor.

1 In the event a position is to be abolished as a result of contracting or subcontracting, the  
2 County will hold advance discussions with the Council prior to letting the contract. The Council  
3 representatives will be advised of the nature, scope of work to be performed, and the reasons  
4 why the County is contemplating contracting out work.

5 For the period of January 01, 2007 through December 31, 2007, there shall be no  
6 layoff of bargaining unit employees unless the State and/or Federal government fails to provide  
7 the funding mechanism and/or program dollars, or if the State and/or Federal government enact  
8 legislation limiting or prohibiting the County from maintaining current (December 31, 2006)  
9 funding levels. The County will not privatize work currently being performed by those  
10 bargaining unit employees who are current incumbents in such positions. This provision shall  
11 expire on December 31, 2007.

12 For the period of January 01, 2008 through December 31, 2008, the County shall not  
13 privatize bargaining unit work except the work of bargaining unit positions which are vacant on  
14 January 01, 2008 and those bargaining unit positions which are vacated by resignation or  
15 retirement, but not discharges, of bargaining unit employees between January 01, 2008 and  
16 December 31, 2008. The County will not hold open 2007 vacancies solely for the purpose of  
17 privatization of the vacancy in 2008. The County shall not reassign employees to a different  
18 work location or department/division in order to accomplish the privatization of a group of  
19 bargaining unit positions. This provision does not preclude the ability of the County to lay off  
20 members of the bargaining unit in 2008. This provision shall expire on December 31, 2008 and  
21 the language of Sections 1.04 and 2.17 of the contract shall revert to language that is stated in  
22 these sections of the 2002-2004 Memorandum of Agreement.

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24 1.05 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT The County and the Council agree to abide  
25 by all of the provisions of the Consent Order in Civil Action No. 74-C-374 in the United States  
26 District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Johnnie G. Jones, et. al., vs. Milwaukee  
27 County. The County and the Council further agree that when provisions of the Agreement are in  
28 conflict with the Consent Order, the provisions of the Consent Order shall be controlling.

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30 1.06 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES LAW The County and the Council agree that the  
31 County will take all appropriate action necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities  
32 law.

PART 2

2.01 WAGES Rates paid to skilled tradesmen in all classifications shall be as follows:

- (1) The wage rate for each bargaining unit classification shall be 96% of the outside rate in effect in the private sector.
- (2) A \$250 per employee lump sum payment shall be made to employees who have an assigned work week of twenty (20) or more hours per week, and who were on the payroll as of the first pay period following ratification of the 2007-2008 contract.
- (3) If, during the term of this Agreement, the distribution of total money settlements in the industry between wage and fringe benefits results in a base wage different from that used in the determination of rates for bargaining unit employees, such modified distribution shall be made known to the County by the Union. Thereafter, appropriate adjustments shall be made to the bargaining unit rate, effective the same day such modifications become effective in the industry.
- (4) PAINTER'S WAGE RATE - A Painter shall be paid (\$.75) seventy-five cents per hour more than the hourly wage rate when Spraying or Sandblasting. A Painter shall be paid (\$.35) thirty-five cents per hour more than the hourly wage rate, for all hours when so assigned, to perform drywall, taping, and finishing.

2.02 OVERTIME

- (1) For the purpose of this Section, overtime shall be defined as hours worked in excess of 8 per day or 40 per week. Mandatory overtime shall be compensated at time and one-half.
- (2) When overtime is worked, it shall be compensated at a rate 1-1/2 times the rate paid for such work when it is performed during non-overtime hours.
- (3) Employees who work authorized overtime shall have the option of accumulating compensatory time in lieu of cash. Such compensatory time may be liquidated in accordance with sec. 2.08(4) of this Agreement. If such compensatory time is not liquidated in accordance with Civil Service Rule VIII, sec. 3(2), the unliquidated balance shall be compensated in cash.

1    2.03 SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

- 2           (1)    Effective the first pay period after ratification all employees, except those  
3                   specifically enumerated in sec. 17.14(6), C.G.O., where applicable, shall receive a  
4                   shift differential of 35 cents per hour for all hours worked during shifts beginning  
5                   at or after 2:30 p.m. and ending at or before 7:15 a.m.; and employees whose  
6                   shifts do not begin or end as indicated above shall be paid 35 cents per hour for all  
7                   hours worked between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Shift premium, when earned, shall be  
8                   added to the employee's regular rate for purposes of determining overtime  
9                   compensation.
- 10          (2)    Employees required to work a half day on Saturday shall be permitted to work a  
11                   full 40-hour week Monday through Friday and will be paid for Saturday work on  
12                   an overtime basis where such work is in excess of 40 hours for the week.

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14   2.04 WEEKEND DIFFERENTIAL   Employees shall be paid a weekend differential of 30  
15   cents per hour for all hours worked between 6:30 a.m. Saturday and 7:15 a.m. Monday.

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17   2.05 LIFE INSURANCE

- 18          (1)    The County shall provide basic Group Life Insurance coverage in accordance  
19                   with Chapter 62 of the County Ordinances.
- 20          (2)    (a)    The amount of basic insurance coverage for each eligible employee shall be  
21                           set annually on the basis of the rate for the position and step in the pay range,  
22                           paid as of the first payroll period of the year in which revised salaries  
23                           become effective and rounded to the next highest thousand dollars, provided  
24                           however, that when the employee attains age 65 the coverage shall be  
25                           reduced pursuant to the formula contained in Chapter 62.
- 26                   (b)    In the case of an employee becoming eligible during a calendar year, the  
27                           rate paid at the date of eligibility shall determine the amount of the  
28                           insurance.
- 29                   (c)    For an employee with an assigned work week less than 40 hours, the  
30                           amount of the insurance shall be prorated.
- 31          (3)    The County shall pay the full premium:
- 32                   (a)    For the first \$25,000 of basic coverage for eligible employees.

- (b) For basic coverage in full in case of a retirement for disability.
- (c) After attainment of age 65 as provided in Chapter 62.
- (d) While an employee is on an approved leave-of-absence for military service, but not to exceed a period of two years from date of entry into service.
- (4) The premium shall be shared by the County and the employee for basic coverage above the first \$25,000 pursuant to the formula contained in Chapter 62:
- (a) Through payroll deductions while the employee is employed by the County.
- (b) In the event an employee who has exhausted accumulated sick leave is placed on a leave of absence without pay status on account of illness, the employee shall continue to pay the shared premium during such leave for a period not to exceed one year. The one-year period of limitation shall begin to run on the first day of the month following that during which the leave of absence begins. An employee must return to work for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without absences for illness related to the original illness in order for a new 1-year limitation period to commence.
- (5) The employee shall pay the full premium for the full amount of the basic coverage when the employee is placed on a leave of absence without pay status for any reason other than as noted in (4)(b) above.
- (6) When there are not sufficient earnings to permit deducting any premiums required by the employee, the insurance coverage shall lapse unless the employee shall make a direct payment of such premium to the County in a manner prescribed by the Department of Human Resources.
- (7) (a) Within the limits prescribed above, a person on retirement is eligible for basic life insurance coverage if covered by insurance at the time of retirement.
- (b) Employees selecting deferred retirement shall not be eligible to participate in the life insurance program.
- (c) Eligible retirees shall be covered by the same premium payment provisions covering eligible employees as noted above except that eligible employees hired on and after January 1, 1994 may upon retirement opt to



1 continue their basic life insurance coverage as noted in (a) and (b) upon  
2 payment of the full monthly premium.

- 3 (8) Employees will also be eligible to participate in the Optional Life Insurance  
4 Program provided in Section 62.08 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee  
5 County.

6 The entire cost of this additional insurance shall be borne by the employee. Premium  
7 payment shall be made by way of payroll deduction except for periods of unpaid leave. During  
8 such periods, in order to maintain coverage pending return to paid status, the employee shall  
9 make premium payments directly to the County in the manner prescribed by the Department of  
10 Human Resources.

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12 2.06 EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS

- 13 (1) Health and Dental Benefits shall be provided for in accordance with the terms and  
14 conditions of the current Plan Document and the Group Administrative  
15 Agreement for the Milwaukee County Health Insurance Plan or under the terms  
16 and conditions of the insurance contracts of those Managed Care Organizations  
17 (Health Maintenance Organizations or HMO) approved by the County.
- 18 (2) Eligible employees may choose health benefits for themselves and their  
19 dependents under a Preferred Provider Organization (County Health Plan or PPO)  
20 or HMO approved by the County.
- 21 (3) All eligible employees enrolled in the PPO or HMO shall pay a monthly amount  
22 toward the monthly cost of health insurance as described below:
- 23 (a) Effective July of 2006 employees enrolled in the PPO shall pay seventy-  
24 five dollars (\$75.00) per month toward the monthly cost of a single plan  
25 and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month toward the monthly  
26 cost of a family plan.
- 27 (b) Effective July of 2006 employees enrolled in the HMO shall pay seventy-  
28 five dollars (\$75.00) per month toward the monthly cost of a single plan  
29 and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month toward the monthly cost  
30 of a family plan.
- 31 (c) All employees enrolled in the Wheaton Franciscan Direct (HMO) will  
32 pay health insurance premiums of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per month

1 for single plan coverage and seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month for  
2 family plan coverage effective following ratification of the 2007-2008  
3 contract and an open enrollment period with a target date of August 1,  
4 2007.

5 (d) All employees enrolled in the Patient Choice HMO will pay health  
6 insurance premiums of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for single plan  
7 coverage and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month for family plan  
8 coverage effective following ratification of the 2007-2008 contract and  
9 an open enrollment period with a target date of August 1, 2007.

10 (e) All employees enrolled in the Patient Choice PPO will pay health  
11 insurance premiums of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month for single  
12 plan coverage and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month for  
13 family plan coverage effective following ratification of the 2007-2008  
14 contract and an open enrollment period with a target date of August 1,  
15 2007.

16 (f) All employees enrolled in the WPS Statewide/National PPO paying  
17 health insurance premiums of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month  
18 for single plan coverage and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month  
19 for family plan coverage effective following ratification of the 2007-  
20 2008 contract and an open enrollment period with a target date of August  
21 1, 2007.

22 (g) The County and the Union agree to reopen the 2007 – 2008 contract to  
23 negotiate the implementation of a Wellness and Disease Management  
24 Program if the County implements a Wellness and Disease Management  
25 Program with any of its other bargaining units during 2008.

26 (h) The appropriate payment shall be made through payroll deductions.  
27 When there are not enough net earnings to cover such a required  
28 contribution, and the employee remains eligible to participate in a health  
29 care plan, the employee must make the payment due within ten working  
30 days of the pay date such a contribution would have been deducted.  
31 Failure to make such a payment will cause the insurance coverage to be

1 canceled effective the first of the month for which the premium has not  
2 been paid.

3 (i) The County shall deduct employees' contributions to health insurance on  
4 a pre-tax basis pursuant to a Section 125 Plan. Other benefits may be  
5 included in the Section 125 Plan as mutually agreed upon by the County  
6 and the Union. Such agreement would be by collateral agreement to this  
7 contract.

8 (j) The County shall establish and administer Flexible Spending Accounts  
9 (FSA's) for those employees who desire to pre-fund their health  
10 insurance costs as governed by IRS regulations. The County retains the  
11 right to select a third party administrator.

12 (4) In the event an employee who has exhausted accumulated sick leave is placed on  
13 leave of absence without pay status on account of illness, the County shall  
14 continue to pay the monthly cost or premium for the Health Plan chosen by the  
15 employee and in force at the time leave of absence without pay status is  
16 requested, if any, less the employee contribution during such leave for a period  
17 not to exceed one (1) year. The 1-year period of limitation shall begin to run on  
18 the first day of the month following that during which the leave of absence  
19 begins. An employee must return to work for a period of sixty (60) calendar  
20 days with no absences for illness related to the original illness in order for a new  
21 1-year limitation period to commence.

22 (5) Where both husband and wife are employed by the County, either the husband  
23 or the wife shall be entitled to one family plan. Further, if the husband elects to  
24 be the named insured, the wife shall be a dependent under the husband's plan, or  
25 if the wife elects to be the named insured, the husband shall be a dependent  
26 under the wife's plan. Should neither party make an election the County reserves  
27 the right to enroll the less senior employee in the plan of the more senior  
28 employee.

29 (6) Coverage of enrolled employees shall be in accordance with the monthly  
30 enrollment cycle administered by the County.

31 (7) Eligible employees may continue to apply to change their health plan to one of the  
32 options available to employees on an annual basis. This open enrollment shall be

1 held at a date to be determined by the County and announced at least forty five  
2 (45) days in advance.

3 (8) The County shall have the right to require employees to sign an authorization  
4 enabling non-County employees to audit medical and dental records. Information  
5 obtained as a result of such audits shall not be released to the County with  
6 employee names unless necessary for billing, collection, or payment of claims.

7 (9) The County reserves the right to terminate its contracts with its health plans and  
8 enter into a contract with any other administrator. The County may terminate its  
9 contract with its current health plan administrator and enter into a replacement  
10 contract with any other qualified administrator or establish a self-administered  
11 plan provided:

12 (a) That the cost of any replacement program shall be no greater to individual  
13 group members than provided in par. (3) above immediately prior to  
14 making any change.

15 (b) That the coverages and benefits of such replacement program shall remain  
16 the same as the written Plan Document currently in effect for employees  
17 and retirees.

18 (c) Prior to a substitution of a Third Party Administrator (TPA)  
19 or implementing a self-administered plan, the County agrees to provide  
20 the Union with a full 60 days to review any new plan and/or TPA.

21 (10) The County reserves the right to establish a network of Preferred Providers. The  
22 network shall consist of hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers  
23 selected by the County. The County reserves the right to add, modify or delete  
24 any and all providers under the Preferred Provider Network.

25 (11) Upon the death of any retiree, only those survivors eligible for health insurance  
26 benefits prior to such retiree's death shall retain continued eligibility for the  
27 Employee Health Insurance Program.

28 (12) Employees hired on and after January 01, 1994 may upon retirement opt to  
29 continue their membership in the County Group Health Benefit Program upon  
30 payment of the full monthly cost.

31 (13) All eligible employees enrolled in the PPO shall have a deductible equal to the  
32 following:

- 1 (a) The in-network deductible shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per  
2 insured, per calendar year; four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per family,  
3 per calendar year.
- 4 (b) The out-of-network deductible shall be four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per  
5 insured, per calendar year; one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)  
6 per family, per calendar year.
- 7 (14) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the PPO shall be  
8 subject to a twenty dollar (\$20.00) in-network office visit co-payment or forty  
9 dollar (\$40.00) out-of-network office visit co-payment for all illness or injury  
10 related office visits. The in-network office visit co-payment shall not apply to  
11 preventative care, which includes prenatal, baby-wellness, and physicals, as  
12 determined by the plan.
- 13 (15) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the PPO shall be  
14 subject to a co-insurance co-payment after application of the deductible and/or  
15 office visit co-payment.
- 16 (a) The in-network co-insurance co-payment shall be equal to ten percent  
17 (10.00%) of all charges subject to the applicable out-of-pocket maximum,
- 18 (b) The out-of-network co-insurance co-payment shall be equal to twenty percent  
19 (20.00%) of all charges subject to the applicable out-of-pocket maximum.
- 20 (16) All eligible employees enrolled in the PPO shall be subject to the following out-  
21 of-pocket expenses including any applicable deductible and percent co-payments  
22 to a calendar year maximum of
- 23 (a) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in-network under a single  
24 plan.
- 25 (b) two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) in-network under a family  
26 plan.
- 27 (c) three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) out-of-network under a single plan.
- 28 (d) five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) out-of-network under a family plan.
- 29 (e) Office visit co-payments are not limited and do not count toward the  
30 calendar year out-of-pocket maximum(s).
- 31 (f) Charges that are over usual and customary do not count toward the  
32 calendar year out-of-pocket maximum(s).

- (g) Prescription drug co-payments do not count toward the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum(s).
- (h) Other medical benefits not described in 16 (e), (f), and (g) shall be paid by the County at 100% after the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum(s) has been satisfied.
- (17) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the PPO shall pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) emergency room co-payment in-network or out-of-network. The co-payment shall be waived if the employee and/or their dependents are admitted directly to the hospital from the emergency room. In-network and out-of-network deductibles and co-insurance percentages apply.
- (18) All eligible employees enrolled in the PPO or HMO shall pay the following for a thirty (30) day prescription drug supply at a participating pharmacy:
- (a) Five dollar (\$5.00) co-payment for all generic drugs.
  - (b) Twenty dollar (\$20.00) co-payment for all brand name drugs on the formulary list.
  - (c) Forty dollar (\$40.00) co-payment for all non-formulary brand name drugs.
  - (d) Non-legend drugs may be covered at the five dollar (\$5.00) generic co-payment level at the discretion of the plan.
  - (e) The plan shall determine all management protocols.
- (19) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the HMO shall be subject to a ten dollar (\$10.00) office visit co-payment for all illness or injury related office visits. The office visit co-payment shall not apply to preventative care. The County and/or the plan shall determine preventative care.
- (20) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the HMO shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) co-payment for each in-patient hospitalization. There is a maximum of five (5) co-payments per person, per calendar year.
- (21) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the HMO shall pay fifty percent (50.0%) co-insurance on all durable medical equipment to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per appliance or piece of equipment.
- (22) All eligible employees and/or their dependents enrolled in the HMO shall pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) emergency room co-payment (facility only). The co-payment

1 shall be waived if the employee and/or their dependents are admitted to the  
2 hospital directly from the emergency room.

3 (23) All eligible employees and/or their dependents benefits for the in-patient and out-  
4 patient treatment of mental and nervous disorders, alcohol and other drug abuse  
5 (AODA) are as follows:

6 (a) If the employee and the dependent use an in-patient PPO facility, benefits  
7 are payable at eighty percent (80.0)% of the contracted rate for thirty (30)  
8 days as long as the PPO approves both the medical necessity and  
9 appropriateness of such hospitalization.

10 (b) If the employee and the dependent use a non-PPO facility, benefits are  
11 payable at fifty percent (50.0%) of the contracted rate for a maximum of  
12 thirty (30) days. The hospitalization is still subject to utilization review for  
13 medical necessity and medical appropriateness.

14 (c) The first two (2) visits of outpatient treatment by network providers will be  
15 reimbursed at one hundred percent (100.0)% with no utilization review  
16 required. Up to twenty five (25) further visits for outpatient treatment when  
17 authorized by the PPO, will be reimbursed at ninety five percent (95.0%) of  
18 the PPO contracted rate. In addition, when authorized by the PPO, up to  
19 thirty (30) days per calendar year, per insured, of day treatment or partial  
20 hospitalization shall be paid at ninety five percent (95.0)% of the contracted  
21 rate for all authorized stays at PPO facilities.

22 (d) The first fifteen (15) visits of out-patient treatment authorized by the PPO  
23 but not provided by a PPO provider shall be paid at fifty percent (50.0%) of  
24 the contracted rate for all medically necessary and appropriate treatment as  
25 determined by the PPO. When authorized by the PPO, up to thirty (30) days  
26 per calendar year, per insured, of day treatment or partial hospitalization  
27 shall be paid at fifty percent (50.0%) of the contracted rate for all  
28 authorized stays at non-PPO facilities.

29 (24) Each calendar year, the County shall pay a cash incentive of five hundred dollars  
30 (\$500.00) per contract (single or family plan) to each eligible employee who elects  
31 to dis-enroll or not to enroll in a Milwaukee County Health Plan. Any employee  
32 who is hired on and after January 1 and who would be eligible to enroll in health

1 insurance under the present County guidelines who chooses not to enroll in a  
2 Milwaukee County health plan shall also receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00).  
3 Proof of coverage in a non-Milwaukee County group health insurance plan must be  
4 provided in order to qualify for the five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payment. Such  
5 proof shall consist of a current health enrollment card.

6 (a) The five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be paid on an after tax basis.  
7 When administratively possible, the County may convert the five hundred  
8 dollars (\$500.00) payment to a pre-tax credit which the employee may use  
9 as a credit towards any employee benefit available within a flexible  
10 benefits plan.

11 (b) The five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payment shall be paid on an annual  
12 basis by payroll check no later than April 1st of any given year to qualified  
13 employees on the County payroll as of January 1st. An employee who  
14 loses his/her non-Milwaukee County group health insurance coverage may  
15 elect to re-join the Milwaukee County Conventional Health Plan. The  
16 employee would not be able to re-join an HMO until the next open  
17 enrollment period. The five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payment must be  
18 repaid in full to the County prior to coverage commencing. Should an  
19 employee re-join a health plan he/she would not be eligible to opt out of  
20 the plan in a subsequent calendar year.

21 (25) The County shall implement a disease management program. Such program shall  
22 be designed to enhance the medical outcome of a chronic illness through education,  
23 treatment, and appropriate care. Participation in the program by the patient shall be  
24 strictly voluntary, and the patient can determine their individual level of  
25 involvement. Chronic illness shall be managed through a variety of interventions,  
26 including but not limited to contacts with patient and physician, health  
27 assessments, education materials, and referrals. The County shall determine all  
28 aspects of the disease management program.

29 (26) Milwaukee County will provide a Dental Insurance Plan equal to and no less than is  
30 currently available to employees. Bargaining unit employees hired on or after May  
31 20, 1990 and each eligible employee enrolled in the Milwaukee County Dental Benefit  
32 Plan shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) per month toward the cost of a single plan, or six



1 dollars (\$6.00) per month toward the cost of a family plan. Employees may opt not to  
2 enroll in the Dental Plan.  
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4 2.062 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

5 Bargaining unit employees shall be permitted to participate in Milwaukee County's  
6 Deferred Compensation Program. Milwaukee County reserves the unilateral right to select  
7 and/or change the Plan Administration.  
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9 2.07 VACATION

- 10 (1) Effective January 1, 2002 employees shall receive annual leave with pay to serve  
11 as vacation in accordance with the following schedule, based upon years of  
12 continuous service.

13 After 1 year - 80 hours  
14 After 5 years - 120 hours  
15 After 10 years - 160 hours  
16 After 15 years - 200 hours  
17 After 20 years - 240 hours  
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- 19 (2) Whenever possible, vacations shall be granted at the time requested by the  
20 employees. Approval of vacation requests shall be based on county-wide  
21 seniority subject to the departmental work rules.  
22

23 2.08 HOLIDAYS - PERSONAL HOURS

- 24 (1) All regular full time employees hired on or before December 31, 1976, shall  
25 receive 24 hours per year known as personal hours in addition to earned leave by  
26 reason of vacation, accrued holidays and compensatory time.  
27 (2) Regular full time employees shall accrue personal hours during their first  
28 fractional calendar year of employment as follows:

1		Hours Accrued in Initial
2	<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Fractional Calendar Year</u>
3	On or before April 30	24 Hours
4	May 1 to August 31	16 Hours
5	September 1 and thereafter	8 Hours

- (3) Personal hours may be taken at any time during the calendar year in which they are accrued in periods of not less than one-half hour, subject to the approval of the department head.

Supervisory personnel shall make every reasonable effort to allow employees to make use of personal hours as the employee sees fit, it being understood that the purpose of such leave is to permit the employee to be absent from duty for reasons which are not justification for absence under other existing rules relating to leave with pay.

- (4) Whenever possible requests to liquidate personal hours, holidays or compensatory time shall be granted subject to departmental work rules. In case of conflict, the employee with the greater county-wide seniority shall be granted the hours off.

- (5) Except as modified herein, the provisions of section 17.17(2), C.G.O., defining holidays shall remain in full force and effect. Such holidays are as follows:  
January 1, the third Monday in January, the third Monday in February, the last Monday in May, July 4, the date appointed by the Governor as Labor Day, the day of holding general election in November of even numbered years, November 11, the fourth Thursday in November, December 25.

- (6) A holiday falling on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding scheduled workday and a holiday falling on a Sunday shall be observed on the following scheduled workday, except in the 7-day service where the present system of accruing and exhausting holidays shall remain in effect.

- (7) To qualify for any paid holiday employees must work or be in pay status on the last scheduled work day immediately preceding and the first scheduled work day immediately following the holiday.

- (8) Effective January 1, 2002, the fourth Friday in November shall be considered a minor holiday.

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2 2.09 SICK LEAVE

3 (1) All officers and employees who are compensated on a biweekly or annual basis  
4 and are required to work half time or more, and all hourly employees who are  
5 customarily employed 40 hours in each calendar week, shall accrue leave of  
6 absence with pay for illness of 3.7 hours for each pay period, or a proportionate  
7 credit for employees who regularly work less than 40 hours per week; provided,  
8 however, that such credit shall be canceled for each pay period in which the  
9 employee is absent without pay for more than 3/8 of the required hours except  
10 absences due to disability in line of duty or leave for military service; and further  
11 provided that:

- 12 (a) Reasons for the absence and the good faith of the employee in taking  
13 such leave shall be supported by such reasonable evidence as may be  
14 required by the appointing authority including a physician's certificate,  
15 personal affidavit, or by other means; and  
16 (b) That when the illness of an employee is such as may make it necessary to  
17 take leave of absence of more than 3 days, a statement shall be made to  
18 the appointing authority in writing from a licensed physician or from an  
19 authorized Christian Science practitioner, stating the period of time the  
20 employee was unable to work because of illness.

21 (2) In addition to other causes set forth in sec. 17.18(4), C.G.O., sick leave may be  
22 taken for the purpose of enabling employees to receive non-emergency medical  
23 attention during duty hours after a good faith effort has been made to schedule  
24 such appointment during off duty time. Such leave may be allowed for  
25 scheduled appointments for any type of medical or dental care.

26 This modification in the use of sick leave recognizes the current  
27 difficulty encountered in attempting to schedule non-emergency medical  
28 treatment during an employee's off duty hours. Because of the nature of the  
29 treatment or examination for which sick leave is allowed for these purposes,  
30 such absences are predictable. In order to be excused from duty for the type of  
31 medical treatment or examination contemplated herein, the practitioner treating  
32 the employee shall provide the employee with written notice setting forth the

1 date and time of the employee's appointment, which notice shall be filed with the  
2 employee's supervisor. Excused time charged against sick leave for these  
3 purposes shall be limited to a maximum of 3 hours per incident including travel  
4 between the employee's work site and the place of his appointment.  
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## 6 2.10 RETIREMENT BENEFITS

7 Upon retirement, an employee shall have the following options:

8 (1) For employees hired on and after January 1, 1982, the provisions of Chapter  
9 201.24, Employee Retirement System, shall be modified as follows:

10 (a) Final average salary means the average annual earnable compensation for  
11 the five consecutive years of service during which the employee's  
12 earnable compensation was the highest or, if he should have less than  
13 five years of service, then his average annual earnable compensation  
14 during such period of service. Effective December 22, 2002 (pay period  
15 one of 2003) final average salary means the three highest consecutive  
16 years of earnable compensation.

17 (b) An employee who meets the requirements for a normal pension shall  
18 receive an amount equal to 1-1/2% of his final average salary multiplied  
19 by the number of years of service. Council members whose membership  
20 in the Employees' Retirement System began before February 21, 2006,  
21 shall be eligible to retire without penalty when the total of their age and  
22 years of creditable pension service equals or exceeds 75.

23 (c) All pension service credit earned on and after January 1, 2001 shall be  
24 credited in an amount equal to 2% of the employee's final average salary.  
25 For each year of service credit earned after January 1, 2001, eight (8)  
26 years of service credit earned prior to January 1, 2001 shall be credited at  
27 2% of the employee's final average salary. This provision shall not  
28 apply to a member of the Employee's Retirement System who became a  
29 member of the System on or after January 1, 1982 and as of January 1,  
30 2001 is either eligible for a deferred vested pension benefit, or is  
31 receiving a pension benefit, unless such member returns to active County

employment and is eligible to earn additional pension service credit.

Said credit shall be awarded on a daily basis.

(d) Any employee whose last period of continuous membership began on or after January 1, 1982, shall not be eligible for a deferred vested pension if his employment is terminated prior to his completion of five (5) years of service.

(e) Retention Incentive Bonus. Members of the System whose membership began prior to January 1, 1982, and as of January 1, 2001, are either actively employed or on an approved leave of absence, shall have their final average salary increased by a bonus of 7.5% for each year of pension service credit earned after January 1, 2001. Said bonus shall be credited on a daily basis and the maximum bonus which can be added to an eligible member's final average salary shall not exceed 25%. This provision shall not apply to a member of the Employee's Retirement System who became a member of the System prior to January 1, 1982, and as of January 1, 2001 is either eligible for a deferred vested benefit under 201.24 (4.5) or is receiving a pension benefit, unless such member returns to active County employment and is eligible to earn additional pension service credit.

(2) For all employees who are members of the Employees' Retirement System as of January 1, 1971, the County shall contribute a sum equal to 6% of each employee's earnings computed for pension purposes into such account on behalf of each such employee. All such sums contributed, in addition to the contributions previously made by the employee, shall be credited to the employee's individual account and be subject to the provisions of the pension system as it relates to the payment of such sums to such employees upon separation from service. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to employees in the bargaining unit in the following classes who were not members of the Employees' Retirement System on or before the 12th day of December 1967, or whose date of hire is later than December 23, 1967:

- (a) Emergency appointment, full time
- (b) Emergency appointment, part time
- (c) Regular appointment, seasonal

- 1 (d) Temporary appointment, seasonal  
2 (e) Emergency appointment, seasonal  
3 (3) For employees hired after October 30, 1987 overtime shall not be included in the  
4 computation of final average salary.  
5 (4) A member of the retirement system shall be eligible for an accidental disability  
6 pension pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinances if their employment is terminated  
7 prior to their normal retirement age by reason of total and permanent incapacity for  
8 any duty as the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring at some definite  
9 time and place while in the actual performance of duty. The last payment shall be  
10 made, if disability ceases prior to their normal retirement date, the first day of the  
11 month in which the disability ceases.

12 Disability shall be considered total and permanent if the Medical Board, after a  
13 medical examination of such member, shall certify that such member is mentally or  
14 physically incapacitated to perform any job that they are reasonably suited for by  
15 means of education, training, or experience. Disability must be as a result of such  
16 service accident and such incapacity is likely to be permanent. A member shall not be  
17 entitled to both accidental disability pension and ordinary disability pension. A  
18 member who meets the requirements for an accidental disability pension shall receive  
19 an amount computed in the same manner as a normal pension considering their  
20 earnable compensation and service prior to retirement but no less than 60% of their  
21 final average salary.

22 (5) VETERAN SERVICE CREDIT

23 Employees retiring on and after the effective date of this agreement shall be entitled to  
24 pension service credit for military service under Section 201.24 II (10) of the  
25 Employees' Retirement System as amended by the County Board of Supervisors  
26 through File #85-583 (a), notwithstanding the effective date indicated in the  
27 amendment.

- 28 (6) Members' who hold positions for which membership in the Employees' Retirement  
29 System is optional and opt for such membership, shall have pension service credit  
30 earned after January 1, 2001 credited at 2%. However, such service credit shall not  
31 result in a multiplier increase for service credit earned prior to January 1, 2001 nor  
32 shall such service credit qualify the member for a retention incentive bonus.

1           (7)   SICK ALLOWANCE BALANCE ON RETIREMENT

2           Employees who became members of the Employees Retirement System shall  
3           receive full payment for all accrued sick allowance hours earned before February  
4           21, 2006 at the time the employee retires. Twenty-five percent (25.0%) of any  
5           remaining accrued sick allowance hours earned on and after February 21, 2006 shall  
6           be paid out at the employee's final hourly rate of pay. For calculation purposes,  
7           sick leave earned before February 21, 2006 shall be used prior to sick leave earned  
8           on and after February 21, 2006 for all hours of sick leave used prior to retirement.  
9           Such payment shall be made in a lump sum, and shall not be included in the  
10          calculation of the employee's final average salary for pension calculation purposes.  
11          Nor shall pension service credit be granted in connection with the lump sum  
12          payment. The payment shall have no effect on the employee's retirement date. If  
13          permissible under IRS provisions, such payment shall be placed in a "back drop  
14          account" in the Employees Retirement System. The provisions of this section shall  
15          not apply to a member of the System who is eligible for a deferred retirement  
16          benefit under section 4.5 of 201.24 of the Employees' Retirement System.

17          (8)   BACK DROP PENSION BENEFIT

18          The provisions of this section shall apply to any employee whose application to  
19          retire is effective after January 1, 2001 and whose last period of continuous  
20          membership in the Employees' Retirement System began before February 21,  
21          2006; but shall not apply to any member of the Employee Retirement System who  
22          is eligible for a deferred pension benefit under 201.24(4.5). Nor shall this  
23          provision apply to any employee whose membership in the Employees'  
24          Retirement System began on or after February 21, 2006. Upon retirement, an  
25          eligible employee may opt for a "back drop" pension benefit as follows:

- 26          (a)   An employee may request a monthly pension benefit based on accrued  
27                pension service credit and final average salary calculation as of a specific  
28                date in the past, which shall be referred to as the "back drop date". The  
29                "back drop date" may not be prior to the earliest date that the employee  
30                was eligible to retire, and shall not be less than one year prior to the date  
31                the employee leaves active County employment. The monthly pension  
32                benefit the employee was eligible to receive as of the "back drop date"  
33                shall be referred to as the "monthly drop benefit".

- 1 (b) The total amount of the “monthly drop benefit” payments the employee  
2 would have received (plus the annual 2% pension increase) between the  
3 “back drop date” and the date the employee is removed from the County  
4 payroll due to actual retirement (after exhausting all allowable accrued  
5 time balances as documented by an ETCR form excluding sick allowance  
6 payments), plus interest earnings compounded on a monthly basis equal to  
7 the pension fund rate of return used by the ERS actuary for computing the  
8 County’s annual contribution to the system, shall be referred to as the  
9 “total drop benefit”.
- 10 (c) If the employee opts for a “back drop” pension benefit:
- 11 1. The “total drop benefit” shall be paid to the employee with  
12 appropriate deductions for state and federal taxes; or if permitted  
13 by IRS regulations, the employee may “roll over” the “total drop  
14 benefit” to an IRA; and
- 15 2. The member shall begin to receive monthly payments of the  
16 “monthly drop benefit” (plus the 2% annual pension increase).
- 17 (d) The standard pension options shall be available to an employee who opts  
18 for a “back drop benefit”, and the retention incentives incorporated into  
19 the pension benefit effective January 1, 2001 shall be included when  
20 calculating the “monthly drop benefit”.
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## 22 2.11 TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

- 23 (1) Employees may be assigned to perform the duties of a position in a higher  
24 classification for which they are qualified and shall be paid as though promoted  
25 to the higher classification under the following conditions:
- 26 (a) Such assignment is made in writing on the Temporary Assignment Form;  
27 provided, however, that the omission of such written assignment shall  
28 not bar a grievance requesting pay for work in the higher classification.
- 29 (b) Such employee works in the higher classification for not less than 3  
30 consecutive scheduled working days. Paid time off shall not be included  
31 in the computation of the 3 consecutive scheduled working days but said  
32 days shall not be interrupted thereby, and



- 1 (c) Such employee performs the normal duties and assumes the  
2 responsibilities of the incumbent of that position during that period.
- 3 (d) If the position is permanently vacant and a certification request has been  
4 forwarded to the Department of Human Resources, a temporary  
5 assignment may be made and may continue for no more than 90 days  
6 after the Director of Human Resources has provided a certified list of  
7 candidates eligible for appointment to the vacancy.
- 8 (e) If the position is temporarily vacant, a temporary assignment may be  
9 made for the duration of the temporary vacancy, but shall not exceed one  
10 year.

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12 2.12 CALL IN PAY

- 13 (1) An employee called in to work outside of the employee's regularly scheduled  
14 shift shall be credited with a minimum of 4 hours or the number of hours  
15 actually worked, whichever is greater.
- 16 (2) Call in pay shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all call ins outside of  
17 the regular shift when such hours worked are in excess of 8 per day or 40 per  
18 week.
- 19 (3) Call in shall not apply to hours worked outside of an employee's regularly  
20 scheduled shift where the regular shift starting time is modified to meet  
21 emergency situations.
- 22 (4) If an employee is called in one-half hour or less prior to starting time, the  
23 employee shall be paid for 8 hours if 7-1/2 hours are worked.

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25 2.13 STANDBY PAY

- 26 (1) Employees on standby duty shall receive 55 cents per hour for all hours  
27 scheduled on standby duty. If called in while on standby, the employee shall be  
28 paid a minimum of 4 hours pay at the overtime rate for work in one session and  
29 additional pay at the overtime rate for all work in excess of 4 hours in one  
30 session.
- 31 (2) For purposes of this section, "standby" shall mean the employee, at the direction  
32 of the employer, is required to be available for work upon notice during a

1 specified period of time. Failure of the employee to respond when called shall  
2 be cause for forfeiture of standby pay and disciplinary action where the  
3 employee is unable to furnish acceptable justification for his failure to respond.

- 4 (3) Standby shall not apply to any employee or group of employees who, as part of  
5 their regular duty assignment are expected, but not required, to be available for  
6 work at all times in emergency situations.

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8 2.14 COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE (CDL)

9 When in the judgement of Milwaukee County management it is deemed appropriate that  
10 certain members of the Building & Construction Trades Council possess and maintain a  
11 Commercial Driver's License the following provisions shall apply:

- 12 1. The Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation,  
13 for their specific employees, shall provide adequate training for employees who  
14 are required by management to possess and maintain a Commercial Motor  
15 Vehicle License.
- 16 2. Employees covered by this contract shall be furnished with adequate training  
17 materials for the written examination for a CDL. Employees deemed by  
18 management to possess and maintain a CDL shall be entitled to the one time use  
19 of the appropriate County Vehicle in order to take the examination for the  
20 appropriate Commercial Motor Vehicle License.
- 21 3. Failure of an employee to successfully pass the written or driving part of the  
22 CDL examination shall cause that employee to gain the appropriate CDL on  
23 his/her own time and expense.
- 24 4. Once management has decided that a CDL is required by an employee, the  
25 employee must successfully possess and maintain said license. Failure of any  
26 employee to successfully obtain the appropriate CDL may result in progressive  
27 steps of discipline, up to and including discharge.
- 28 5. This agreement shall expire on December 31, 2004, unless extended by the  
29 Director of Labor Relations for Milwaukee County.
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1    2.15 PROMOTION

- 2           (1)    The County shall not discriminate against any employee on the basis of race,  
3                   color, creed, sex, or national origin in making promotional appointments and  
4                   shall give due consideration to the relative county-wide seniority of employees  
5                   on the promotional list in making such appointment.
- 6           (2)    Employees who do not successfully complete their probationary period in the  
7                   promotional position or who desire to return to their former classifications, shall  
8                   be permitted to return to the position from which they were promoted in the  
9                   event such position remains vacant; and if such position has been filled, the  
10                  County will make every reasonable effort to place such employee in another  
11                  position within the classification from which he was promoted. Employees not  
12                  returned to their former classification because no vacancy exists shall be placed  
13                  on the appropriate reinstatement list.
- 14          (3)    When an employee does not successfully complete his promotional probation  
15                   and is returned to his/her former classification, he shall do so with full seniority.

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17    2.16 TRANSFER POLICY

- 18          (1)    TRANSFER PRIORITIES When a job vacancy occurs, employees holding the  
19                   same classification requesting a transfer shall be given consideration in filling  
20                   the opening prior to the job being filled in any other manner. Intradepartmental  
21                   requests shall have preference over interdepartmental requests to transfer.
- 22          (2)    INTRADEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS Employees desiring a transfer from  
23                   one departmental unit to another under the same appointing authority and within  
24                   the same classification shall indicate their desire to transfer on forms provided  
25                   by the County. Such forms shall be prepared in duplicate, indicating the  
26                   departmental unit to which a transfer is sought, with the original being filed with  
27                   the County and the duplicate retained by the employee. The County shall  
28                   maintain a file of such transfer requests and will, when a vacancy occurs in a  
29                   departmental unit, review the file to determine whether a request for transfer to a  
30                   vacant position in that departmental unit has been made. When a vacancy

occurs in a section, it shall be filled by the most senior qualified employee in the same department and classification who has a valid request for transfer on file, subject to the following conditions:

(a) No employee shall have more than 2 requests for transfer on file at any one time.

(b) No employee shall be entitled to transfer more often than twice annually at his request.

(c) Employees shall not be entitled to file a request for a transfer until they have completed their probationary period.

(d) For purposes of this section, seniority shall mean length of continuous service with Milwaukee County.

(e) Any employee refusing a transfer, when offered, to a position for which he has filed a request shall have his request removed from the file.

(f) The appropriate appointing authority of the program area may defer the transfer of an employee until a replacement is found to fill his position; however, such a transfer shall not be deferred for more than 20 working days.

(g) Nothing herein contained shall limit the authority of the County to transfer employees within their job classification.

(h) Whenever an employee is denied a transfer for cause, whether he be the only applicant or the most senior of several applicants, the reason for denial shall be made known to him by the supervisor who rejected the transfer request.

### (3) INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

(a) Employees desiring a transfer to a position in the same classification but in a different department shall submit a request in writing to the Civil Service Commission which shall maintain a master file by classification of all interdepartmental transfer requests. When a vacancy occurs in a department, the Director of Human Resources shall certify 3 names from the eligible list for that classification to the department head in accordance with sec. 63.05 of the Wisconsin Statutes, together with those on the transfer list in that classification.

- 1 (b) Fitness being substantially equal, the most senior employee having a  
2 request on file shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. An employee  
3 seeking a transfer shall not be denied a transfer by the appointing  
4 authority in the department from which the employee is seeking a  
5 transfer.
- 6 (c) An employee transferring within classification to another department  
7 shall have a 30-day trial period to determine ability to perform the job  
8 and desirability to remain on the job. If within 30 days an employee does  
9 not successfully complete the trial period or desires to return to his or her  
10 former position, he or she shall be permitted to return to the former  
11 position from which he or she was transferred in the event such position  
12 remains vacant. If such position has been filled, he or she shall return to  
13 any vacant position in his or her classification in the department from  
14 which he or she transferred. If no such vacancy exists, the employee  
15 may remain where he or she is and may request a transfer to any other  
16 department in the County service or will be transferred back to the first  
17 vacancy in his or her classification in the department from which he or  
18 she transferred.
- 19 (d) When an employee does not successfully complete his or her trial period  
20 and is returned to his or her former position or to another position in his  
21 or her classification, he or she shall do so with full seniority and  
22 whenever practicable shall be returned to the same shift.
- 23 (e) Whenever the most senior employee is denied a transfer or the  
24 transferred employee does not successfully complete the trial period, the  
25 reason for denial or noncompletion shall be made known to him or her in  
26 writing by the appointing authority.

## 27 28 2.17 LAYOFFS AND RECALL

- 29 (1) Layoffs shall be made within classification on a county wide basis in the inverse  
30 order of total county seniority. Employees on emergency or temporary  
31 appointment in the affected classification shall be laid off prior to the layoff of  
32 employees on regular appointment.

- 1           (2)    The Civil Service Commission will make every reasonable effort to place laid  
2                   off employees in comparable positions where vacancies exist.
- 3           (3)    Employees on layoff shall be recalled to vacancies in their classification in the  
4                   inverse order of layoff.
- 5           (4)    At the time of layoff, employees in a supervisory/foreman position may displace  
6                   a less senior journeyman employee, as defined in Section 2.20 in the same  
7                   constituent trade group.

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9   2.18 BARGAINING TIME   The County agrees to release three employees serving as  
10 members of the Council bargaining committee shall be paid 50% by the Council and 50% by  
11 the County their normal base rate for all hours spent in contract negotiations carried on during  
12 their regular workday. Effort shall be made to conduct negotiations during nonworking hours  
13 to the extent possible, and in no case shall such meetings be unnecessarily protracted.  
14 Employees released from duty for negotiations shall be allowed reasonable travel time between  
15 their work site and meeting locations.

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17 2.19 EMPLOYEE PARKING   The County will eliminate any charge for parking to  
18 employees using county-owned or controlled parking lots, except the Courthouse Annex. The  
19 County shall make every reasonable effort to secure such lots against theft and vandalism in a  
20 manner consistent with location and type of facility.

21           The foregoing paragraph shall not apply to any county-owned or controlled lot  
22 available for use to the general public for which parking fees have been established. Unit  
23 employees shall abide by metered or posted parking restrictions.

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25 2.20 SENIORITY DEFINED

- 26           (1)    For all purposes where it applies, seniority shall be measured by an employee's  
27                   length of continuous employment in the classified service of the County since  
28                   the employee's last date of hire.
- 29           (2)    Continuous seniority as defined in (1) above is broken when an employee:
- 30                   (a)    Is discharged.
- 31                   (b)    Resigns or quits.
- 32                   (c)    Is terminated from any type of appointment for more than 30 days.

- (d) Is separated during probationary period.
- (e) Is separated during re-evaluation period.
- (f) Is laid off for a period of two years and one day
- (g) Does not return at the expiration of an authorized leave of absence.

#### 2.21 DEPARTMENTAL WORK RULES

The Council recognizes the prerogative of the County to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities, duties and powers, pursuant to the statutes of the State of Wisconsin, the ordinances and resolutions of the County and the rules of its Civil Service Commission. The Council recognizes the exclusive right of the County to establish reasonable work rules.

#### 2.22 TOOL POLICY

All tools and equipment issued to employees by the County shall remain the property of the County, which shall establish and maintain a system of accounting therefor. It shall be the obligation of the employee to take reasonable care of all property issued to him.

Upon termination of employment, each employee shall return all county-issued property then in his possession.

#### 2.23 FAIR SHARE AGREEMENT

- (1) Effective in the first pay period following the execution hereof and each pay period thereafter during the term of the current collective bargaining agreement between the parties, and unless otherwise terminated as hereinafter provided, the employer shall deduct from the biweekly earnings of the employees specified herein an amount equal to such employee's proportionate share of the cost of the collective bargaining process and contract administration as measured by the amount of dues uniformly required of all members, and pay such amount to the treasurer of the certified bargaining representative of such employee within 10 days after such deduction is made, provided:

- (a) That as to persons in the employ of the employer as of the effective date of this Agreement, such deduction shall be made and forwarded to the

1            treasurer of the Council from the biweekly earnings of all bargaining unit  
2            employees.

3            (b)    That such deduction shall be made from the biweekly earnings of new  
4            bargaining unit employees beginning with the first payroll period and  
5            shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Council as provided in  
6            paragraph one (1).

7            (c)    In order to insure that any such deduction represents the proportionate  
8            share of each employee in the bargaining unit of the cost of collective  
9            bargaining and contract administration, and recognizing that the dues of  
10           the various trade classifications represented by the Council vary from  
11           one to another, it is agreed as follows:

12           1.       That prior to the implementation of the Agreement, the Council  
13           shall submit to the County a schedule of monthly dues uniformly  
14           levied by each of the constituent trade groups within its  
15           jurisdiction.

16           2.       Any increase in dues or fair share amounts to be deducted shall  
17           be certified by the Council at least 15 days before the start of the  
18           pay period the increased deduction is to be effected.

19           3.       The Council agrees that no funds collected from nonmembers  
20           under this fair share agreement will be allocated for, or devoted  
21           directly or indirectly to, the advancement of the candidacy of any  
22           person for any political office.

23           (2)    There shall be no lockout of County employees. In the event that during the  
24           continuance of its recognition, the Council, its officers, agents or employees, or  
25           any of its members or members of its constituent trade groups, acting  
26           individually or in concert with one another, engage in or encourage any Council-  
27           authorized strike or work stoppage against the County, including any of its  
28           departments and/or agencies, the deductions and payments of fair share  
29           contributions made in accordance with this Agreement shall be terminated  
30           forthwith by the County. Thereafter, for a period of one year, measured from the  
31           date of the onset of such strike or work stoppage, no deductions whatever shall



1 be made from the earnings of any employee, nor shall any payment whatever be  
2 made to the treasurer of the Council.

- 3 (3) In the case of an unauthorized strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or other  
4 interference with any phase of the County's operation by Council members, the  
5 County will notify the Council officials in writing of such occurrence. The  
6 Council shall, as promptly as possible, denounce the strike, work stoppage,  
7 slowdown or other interference with any phase of the County's operation and  
8 order its members to return to work. Good faith compliance with these  
9 requirements will stay the effect of paragraph two (2). Failure on the part of the  
10 Council to immediately denounce the strike, work stoppage, slowdown or other  
11 interference with County operations, and/or to order its members back to work,  
12 shall constitute an admission on the Council's part that such strike, work  
13 stoppage, slowdown or other interference with County operations is authorized.

- 14 (4) Nothing contained in this fair share agreement shall constitute a bar to the  
15 County's right to proceed in law or equity or to avail itself of any other remedies  
16 for the purpose of preventing or terminating any strike or work stoppage  
17 engaged in by employees covered by this Agreement.

- 18 (5) In the event the provisions of this fair share agreement are successfully  
19 challenged by any person affected thereby, and it is determined by an  
20 administrative body or a court of competent jurisdiction that the deductions  
21 made pursuant to the provisions hereof are in any manner in conflict with the  
22 rights of the challenging party as those rights are affected by Ch. 63, Wis. Stats.,  
23 or other provisions of law applicable to public employment, which determination  
24 results in an order or judgment against Milwaukee County requiring that it repay  
25 to the challenging party and/or to any or all members of the class represented by  
26 such challenging party such sums as have been deducted from their earnings in  
27 accordance with the provisions hereof, the Council agrees to indemnify the  
28 County in full, including any and all costs of interest which may be a part of  
29 such order or judgment, for all sums for which the County has been determined  
30 to be liable.

31 In the event of any action brought challenging the provisions of this fair share  
32 agreement, or the right of the Council and the County to enter into such an agreement, all sums

1 which the County has agreed to deduct from the earnings of the employees covered by the  
2 agreement and transmit to the treasurer of the Council, except sums deducted pursuant to  
3 voluntary checkoff cards on file with the employer, shall be placed in trust with First Bank  
4 Midland-Milwaukee Division pending the ultimate disposition of such action. In the event the  
5 outcome of such action favors the continuance of the fair share agreement, the monies held in  
6 trust, together with the interest earned thereon, shall be paid to the Council upon entry of  
7 judgment in such action.

#### 8 9 2.24 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

10 The affected employee(s) must sign the Grievance Initiation Form. The County recognizes the  
11 right of an employee to file a grievance, and will not discriminate against any employee for  
12 having exercised their rights under this section.

13 (1) APPLICATION The grievance procedure shall not be used to change existing  
14 wage schedules, hours of work, working conditions, fringe benefits and position  
15 classifications established by ordinances and rules which are matters processed  
16 under existing procedures. Only matters involving the interpretation, application  
17 or enforcement of the terms of this Agreement shall constitute a grievance.

18 (2) REPRESENTATIVES An employee may be represented at all steps in the  
19 procedure by not more than two representatives including the staff  
20 representative. Council representation shall be limited at all steps of the  
21 procedure to those persons officially identified as representatives of the Council.  
22 The Council shall maintain on file with the Department of Labor Relations a  
23 current list of officers and stewards.

24 (3) TIME OF HANDLING Whenever possible, grievances will be handled after the  
25 regularly scheduled working hours of the parties involved. The County agrees to  
26 provide at least 24-hour written notice of the time and place of the hearing to the  
27 grievant and the Council.

28 (4) TIME LIMITATIONS If it is impossible to comply with the time limits  
29 specified in the procedure because of work schedules, illness, vacations, etc.,  
30 these limits may be extended by mutual consent in writing (extension of  
31 grievance time limit form #4894). If any extension is not agreed upon by the  
32 parties within the time limits herein provided, or a reply to the grievance is not

received within time limits provided herein, the grievance may be appealed directly to the next step of the procedure. Failure on the part of the Council to appeal a grievance to the next step of the procedure pursuant to the time limits outlined in the procedure shall cause the grievance to be settled.

(5) SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES Any grievance shall be considered settled at the completion of any step in the procedure if all parties concerned are mutually satisfied. Dissatisfaction is implied in recourse from one step to the next.

(6) FORMS There are 2 separate forms used in processing a grievance:

(a) Grievance Initiation Form;

(b) Grievance Disposition Form;

All forms are to be prepared in quadruplicate except at the County Institutions, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, and Department of Public Works, where 5 copies are to be prepared. Two copies are to be retained by the person originating the form; the remaining copies shall be served upon the other person involved in the procedure at that step, who shall distribute them in such manner as the department head shall direct. The department head shall furnish one copy to the Department of Labor Relations. The forms are available in the Department of Human Resources and in any County department or institution. Each department or institution shall have forms readily available to all employees. A copy of all grievance dispositions shall be forwarded to the appropriate Council representative.

(7) PROCEDURE To Be Followed When Initiating A Written Grievance:

(a) The employee alone or with his/her Council Representative shall cite the rule, regulation or contract provision that was alleged to have been violated at the first step of the grievance procedure.

(b) The employee alone or with his/her Council Representative shall in writing provide his/her immediate supervisor designated to hear grievances an explanation as to when, where, what, who, and why the employee believes that his/her contractual rights have allegedly been violated. The written Grievance Initiation Form shall contain the date or

1 time that the employee alleges that his/her contractual rights have been  
2 violated.

3 (c) The employee alone or with his/her Council Representative shall detail,  
4 in writing, the relief the employee is requesting.

5 (d) If more space is required than is provided for on the Grievance Initiation  
6 Form in order to comply with the provisions of this section, the employee  
7 shall be permitted to submit written attachments to said form.

8 (e) The Grievance Initiation Form shall be prepared by the employee or  
9 with his/her Union Representative in a manner that is neat, clear, and  
10 discernible.

11 (f) If the employee alone or with his/her Council Representative fails to  
12 follow Section 2.24(6)(c) 1,2,3,4, and 5, the employee's immediate  
13 supervisor designated to hear grievances may return the Grievance  
14 Initiation Form to the employee for corrections. Failure to make  
15 corrections shall serve as a bar to the grievance procedure.

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17 (8) STEPS IN THE PROCEDURE

18 (a) STEP 1

19 1. The employee alone or with his/her representative shall explain  
20 the grievance verbally to his/her immediate supervisor designated  
21 to respond to employee grievances.

22 2. The supervisor designated in paragraph 1 shall within 3 working  
23 days verbally inform the employee of his/her decision on the  
24 grievance presented.

25 3. If the supervisor's decision resolves the grievance, the decision  
26 shall be reduced to writing on a grievance disposition form within  
27 5 working days from the date of the verbal decision and a copy of  
28 said disposition shall be immediately forwarded to the Director of  
29 Labor Relations.

30 (b) STEP 2

31 1. If the grievance is not settled at the first step, the employee alone  
32 or with his/her representative shall prepare the grievance in

1 writing on the Grievance Initiation Form and shall present such  
2 form to the immediate supervisor designated in Step 1 to initial as  
3 confirmation of his/her verbal response. The employee alone or  
4 with his/her Council Representative shall fill out the Grievance  
5 Initiation Form pursuant to section 2.24(6)(c)1,2,3,4,5, and 6 of  
6 this Agreement.

7 2. The employee or his/her Council Representative after receiving  
8 confirmation shall forward the grievance to his/her appointing  
9 authority or to the person designated by him/her to receive  
10 grievances within fifteen (15) working days of the verbal decision.  
11 Failure of the supervisor to provide confirmation shall not impede  
12 the timeliness of the appeal.

13 3. The person designated in Step 2, Par. 2, will schedule a hearing  
14 with the person concerned and within fifteen (15) days from date  
15 of service of the Grievance Initiation Form, the Hearing Officer  
16 shall inform the aggrieved employee and the Council in writing of  
17 his/her decision.

18 4. Those grievances which would become moot if unanswered before  
19 the expiration of the established time limits will be answered as  
20 soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing.

21 5. The second step of the grievance procedure may be waived by  
22 mutual consent of the Council and the Director of Labor Relations.  
23 If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2 as provided, the Council  
24 shall appeal such grievance within thirty (30) days from the date of  
25 the second step grievance disposition to Step 3.

26 (c) STEP 3

27 1. The Director of Labor Relations or designee shall, attempt to  
28 resolve all grievances timely appealed to the third step. The  
29 Director of Labor Relations or designee shall respond in writing  
30 to the Council within thirty (30) working days from the date of  
31 receipt by the Director of Labor Relations of the Step 2 appeal.

2. In the event the Director of Labor Relations or designee and the appropriate Council Representative mutually agree to a resolution of the dispute, it shall be reduced to writing and mailed by certified mail (return receipt requested), and shall be returned by Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council President by certified mail within 30 calendar days, and shall be binding upon all parties and shall serve as a bar to further appeal. Failure by the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council President to return the third step disposition within the 30 calendar days shall serve as a bar to further appeal.
3. Step 3 of the grievance procedure shall be limited to the Director of Labor Relations or designee and the appropriate union representative and one designees, a Staff Representative and representatives of the appropriate appointing authority involved in each dispute. The number of representatives at any Step 3 hearing may be modified by mutual consent of the parties.
4. The Director of Labor Relations or designee shall have the unilateral authority to modify any grievance disposition rendered in Step 1 and/or Step 2 and shall within five (5) days of the disposition, notify the Council and the department of any such modification. Within fifteen (15) days a Step 3 hearing shall be held.

(d) STEP 4

1. If the grievance is not resolved at the third step as provided, the Council may file a written appeal for arbitration. Such appeal shall be in writing with notification to the Director of Labor Relations, or designee, within 30 days of the third step hearing decision.
2. The Council shall, in writing, notify the Director of Labor Relations or designee within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the arbitration hearing of the names of the employees the Council wishes to have released for the arbitration hearing. The release of

1 said employees shall be subject to review by the Director of  
2 Labor Relations or designee and shall be subject to mutual  
3 agreement both the Council and the Director of Labor Relations.  
4 The release of employees shall not be unreasonably withheld.

5 (9) ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 6 (a) Unless the parties, within five working days following the receipt of the  
7 written appeal agree upon an arbitrator, either party may, in writing,  
8 request the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission to submit a  
9 list of five private arbitrators to both parties. The parties shall within  
10 five working days of the receipt of the list meet for the purpose of  
11 selecting the arbitrator by alternately striking names from the list until  
12 one name remains.
- 13 (b) The filing of a grievance shall not stay the effectiveness of any rule,  
14 directive or order which gave rise to such grievance and any such rule,  
15 directive or order shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or  
16 modified as a result of the Arbitrator's award.
- 17 (c) Arbitration may be initiated by either party serving upon the other party a  
18 notice, in writing, of its intent to proceed to arbitration. The notice shall  
19 identify the specific contract provision upon which it relies, the  
20 grievance, the department, and the employees involved.
- 21 (d) For the purposes of brevity, the term "arbitrator" shall refer to a single  
22 arbitrator.
- 23 (e) The following subjects shall not be submitted to arbitration:  
24 1. The statutory or charter obligations which by law are delegated to  
25 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors or the County  
26 Executive.  
27 2. Disputes or differences regarding the classification of positions  
28 and the elimination or creation of positions.
- 29 (f) No issue shall be the subject to arbitration unless the issue results from  
30 an action or occurrence which takes place following the execution of this  
31 Agreement.

- 1 (g) The arbitrator selected shall hold a hearing at a time and place convenient to the  
2 parties within 30 working days of the notification of selection, unless  
3 otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties and witnesses may be  
4 called. The arbitrator shall determine whether or not the dispute is  
5 arbitrable, under the express terms of this Agreement and shall render a  
6 bench decision regarding the procedural arguments presented by the  
7 parties before proceeding to hear the merits of the grievance. Once it is  
8 determined that a dispute is arbitrable, the arbitrator shall proceed in  
9 accordance with this section to determine the merits of the dispute  
10 submitted to arbitration.
- 11 (h) No award of any arbitrator may be retroactive for a period greater than 130  
12 working days prior to the formal request for arbitration as herein  
13 provided, nor shall it cover or include any period prior to the date of  
14 execution of this Agreement.
- 15 (i) The arbitrator shall neither add to, detract from nor modify the language of this  
16 Agreement in arriving at a determination of any issue presented that is  
17 proper for arbitration within the limitations expressed herein. The  
18 arbitrator shall have no authority to grant wage increases or wage  
19 decreases.
- 20 (j) The arbitrator shall expressly be confined to the precise written issue submitted  
21 for arbitration and shall not submit declarations of opinion which are not  
22 essential in reaching the determination of the question submitted unless  
23 requested to do so by the parties. It is contemplated by the parties that  
24 the arbitrator shall issue his award within sixty (60) days after the  
25 hearing unless the parties to this Agreement shall extend the period in  
26 writing by mutual consent.
- 27 (k) The expenses involved in the arbitration proceeding shall be paid 50% by the  
28 party requesting arbitration and 50% by the other party. Expenses  
29 relating to the calling of witnesses or the obtaining of depositions or any  
30 other similar expense associated with proceeding shall be borne by the  
31 party at whose request the witnesses or depositions are required.
- 32 (l) The decision of the arbitrator when filed with the parties shall be binding on  
33 both parties.



1           (10)   INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT

2           A dispute arising between the parties out of the interpretation of the provisions  
3           of this Agreement shall be discussed by the Council and the Director of Labor  
4           Relations. If such dispute cannot be resolved between the parties in this manner,  
5           either party shall have the right to refer the dispute to the WERC who shall  
6           proceed in the manner prescribed in subsection (9) above. The parties may  
7           stipulate to the issues submitted to the arbitrator or shall present to the arbitrator,  
8           in writing, their respective positions with regard to the issue in dispute. The  
9           arbitrator shall be limited in deliberations to the issues so defined. The decision  
10          of the arbitrator shall be filed with the Council and the Director of Labor  
11          Relations.

12          (11)   LIMITATIONS

- 13          (a)    No grievance shall be initiated after the expiration of 60 calendar days  
14               from the date of the grievable event.
- 15          (b)    Representation at hearings on group grievances shall be limited to 2  
16               employees from among the group. One employee of the group shall be  
17               designated as the grievant to whom the grievance disposition forms shall  
18               be forwarded.
- 19          (c)    At each successive step of the grievance procedure, the subject matter  
20               treated and the grievance disposition shall be limited to those issues  
21               arising out of the original grievance as filed.
- 22          (d)    No arbitration hearing shall be held after six (6) months from the date a  
23               grievance is initiated. A grievance shall be considered settled after six  
24               months (6) from initiation unless it is pending disposition of an  
25               arbitrator.

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27          2.25 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS In the event any institution, department or other  
28          County function is taken over by any other governmental agency, the County will make every  
29          effort to persuade the successor agency to hire affected employees and to adopt and maintain  
30          in force the present wages, hours and conditions of employment to which the affected  
31          employees are entitled under the existing bargaining agreement.

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1    2.26 ENTIRE AGREEMENT The foregoing constitutes the entire Agreement between the  
2 parties by which the parties intended to be bound and no verbal statement shall supersede any  
3 of its provisions. All existing ordinances and resolutions of the Milwaukee County Board of  
4 Supervisors affecting wages, hours and conditions of employment not inconsistent with this  
5 Agreement are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth. To the extent that  
6 the provisions of this Agreement are in conflict with existing ordinances or resolutions, such  
7 ordinances and resolutions shall be modified to reflect the agreements herein contained.

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9    2.27 SAVING CLAUSE If any article or part of this Agreement is held to be invalid by  
10 operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or  
11 reinforcement of any article or part should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this  
12 Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the parties shall enter into immediate negotiations  
13 for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or part.

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15    2.28 MILITARY LEAVE

- 16        (1) Employees holding regular civil service status who are required to take periods  
17 of training for the purpose of retaining status as members in organized units of  
18 the Reserve Corps of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard,  
19 and the National Guard, and who are ordered to active duty, may be granted  
20 leave of absence upon submission of evidence of receipt of competent orders.  
21        (2) Employees shall have the option to receive full County pay during such leave or  
22 to retain military pay. Employees choosing to be compensated by the County  
23 shall submit their military base pay to the County Treasurer.  
24        (3) Paid leave of absence for this purpose shall not exceed 15 days per year.

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26    2.29 INJURY OR ILLNESS IN LINE OF DUTY

27 Milwaukee County shall comply with the provisions of all pertinent Workers Compensation  
28 Laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The County shall promulgate and distribute  
29 procedures to be followed when an employee is injured or becomes ill in the line of duty.  
30 Such procedures shall be provided to the Council and included in the County Administrative  
31 Manual.

1     2.30 COLLATERAL AGREEMENTS

2     From time to time it may be necessary to vary from the terms of this Agreement in order to  
3     take into account a unique situation or changing circumstances. When the Council and the  
4     Employer determine that a modification should be made, the parties agree to do so in writing  
5     and in compliance with this Section of the Agreement.

6             (1)     Agreements of this type will be entered into only by the Business Manager of  
7                     the Union and President of the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades  
8                     Council.

9             (a)     Where more than one Local is affected by the problem, the Business  
10                    Manager of each Local and the President of the Milwaukee Building &  
11                    Construction Trades Council must be included in the discussions.

12            (b)     Since the County has no awareness of the internal mechanisms for  
13                    authorization within the constituent Locals, the signature as in (1) above,  
14                    when applicable, on any document reflecting an agreement with the  
15                    County shall be binding, it being assumed that such Union officer has  
16                    either received authorization from his/her Local to execute the document  
17                    or has determined in his/her judgment that the matters under  
18                    consideration are not of such grave consequence as to require  
19                    membership ratification. The same presumption shall apply to the  
20                    signature of the County official with whom the understanding has been  
21                    negotiated.

22            (c)     Management and Council will keep each other apprised of the names of  
23                    officials and administrators who may be involved in the procedure  
24                    outline.

25            (2)     All collateral agreements entered into between the Council and the Employer  
26                    shall expire and be null and void when the collective bargaining agreement  
27                    expires. In the event the parties desire that the agreement continue during the  
28                    term of the successor agreement, they shall execute a new collateral agreement  
29                    for the term of the successor agreement.

30            (3)     All collateral agreements shall be executed by the appropriate County official  
31                    and authorized and signed by the Director of Labor Relations.

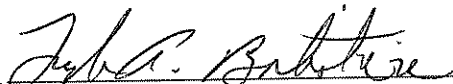
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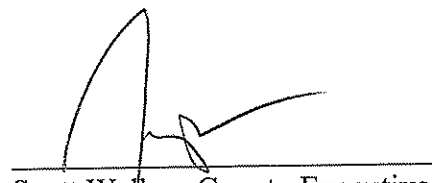
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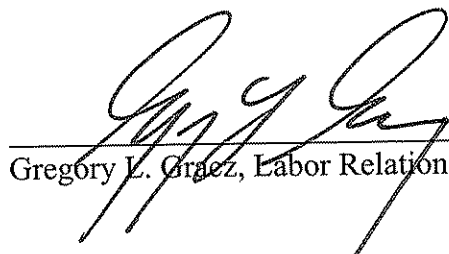
  
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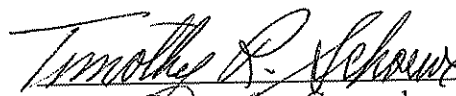
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Gregory L. Graez, Labor Relations Director

APPROVED FOR EXECUTION

  
Deputy Corporation Counsel